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## Who is St. Jude?

The origins of devotion to St. Jude as the patron of desperate or hopeless cases are nearly as obscure as details of the life of the great Apostle. These origins seem to have been a spontaneous rising of interest among the faithful themselves, prompted possibly by the fact that according to Sacred Tradition, St. Jude was a near relative, a "cousin" of Jesus and that as a child, he was a playmate of the God-man.

Confusion of the names of St. Jude and the traitor, Judas, effectively discouraged devotion to the saint for many centuries. Devotion to him, consequently, has been of relatively recent origin although there is evidence that this devotion was held in high esteem during the Middle Ages.

Impetus to this devotion was undoubtedly given by Our Lord Himself Who, in a vision, directed St. Bridget of Sweden to turn to St. Jude with great faith and confidence. "In accordance with his surname, "Thaddeus" — the amiable, loving" said Our Lord, "he will show himself most willing to give help."

The Gospel tells us that St. Jude was a brother of St. James the Less, also one of the twelve. These two together with two other brothers (one St. Simeon of Jerusalem) are described by St. Matthew (13:55) as the "brethren" of Jesus. In the Hebrew language, the word "brethren" indicates a near relationship.

We are told that St. Jude's father, Cleophas, was murdered because of his forthright and outspoken devotion to the risen Christ. Mary Cleophas, the mother of St. Jude and St. James the Less, was a cousin of the Virgin Mary. After her death, miracles were attributed to her intercession.

St. Jude, is shown, traditionally, as carrying the image of Jesus in his hand. This represents, according to tradition — our principal source of knowledge of the saint — the imprint of the Divine Countenance that was entrusted to him by Our Lord.

The circumstances were these: King Abagar of Edessa, who suffered from leprosy, sent word to Jesus asking Him to come and cure him. With his request, we are told, the King sent an artist to return with a picture of the Master.

Impressed with his great faith, Our Lord pressed His Image on a cloth and gave it to

St. Jude to bring to the King of Edessa and cure him.

The King was cured by St. Jude and together with most of his subjects was converted to Christianity.

After the death and resurrection of Jesus, St. Jude travelled throughout Mesopotamia for a period of ten years preaching and converting many to Christianity.

He probably returned to Jerusalem for the Council of the Apostles and then, he and St. Simon visited Libya and Persia where many more converts were made.

St. Jude died a martyr's death. Tradition tells us that he was clubbed, possibly into insensibility, and his head was then shattered with a broad ax. Sometimes after his death, St. Jude's body was brought to Rome and placed in a crypt in St. Peter's Basilica.

## A Novena

A novena is a devotion performed for nine consecutive days or nine other consecutive periods. To make a novena with greater fruit one should go to Confession, hear Mass, and receive Holy Communion. One should also have great confidence in God and in the intercession of the Saint in whose honor the novena is made.

# Novena Prayers to St. Jude

## COME HOLY GHOST

*Come Holy Ghost, Creator blest,  
And in our hearts take up Thy rest;  
Come with Thy grace and heavenly aid,  
To fill the hearts which Thou has made.  
To fill the hearts which Thou has made.*

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Blessed be the Holy and Undivided Trinity † now and forever. Amen.

We fly to thy patronage, O holy Mother of God. † Despise not our petitions in our necessities, † but deliver us from all dangers, O ever Glorious and Blessed Virgin.

O glorious apostle, St. Jude Thaddeus, † true relative of Jesus and Mary, † I salute thee in the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus! † Through this Heart I praise and thank God † for all the graces He has bestowed upon thee. † Humbly prostrate before thee; † I implore thee by this Heart † to look down upon me with compassion. † Oh, despise not my poor prayer; † let not my trust be confounded! † To thee God has granted the privilege of aiding mankind † in the most desperate cases. † Oh, come to my aid, † that

I may praise the mercies of God! † All my life I will be grateful to thee † and will be thy faithful client † until I can thank thee in heaven. Amen.

(*For Private Use Only*)

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ hear us.

Christ graciously hear us.

God the Father of heaven, *have mercy on us!*

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,  
*have mercy on us!*

God the Holy Ghost, *have mercy on us!*

Holy Trinity, one God, *have mercy on us!*

St. Jude, relative of Jesus and Mary, *pray for us!*

St. Jude, while on earth deemed worthy to see Jesus and Mary and to enjoy their company, *pray for us!*

St. Jude, raised to the dignity of an apostle, *pray for us!*

St. Jude, who hadst the honor of beholding thy Divine Master humble Himself to wash thy feet, *pray for us!*

St. Jude, who at the Last Supper didst receive the Holy Eucharist from the hands of Jesus, *pray for us!*

St. Jude, who, after the profound grief which the death of thy beloved Master caused thee, hadst the consolation of beholding Him risen from the dead, and of assisting at His glorious Ascension, *pray for us!*

St. Jude, who wast filled with the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost, *pray for us!*

St. Jude, who didst preach the Gospel in Persia, *pray for us!*

St. Jude, who didst convert many people to the Faith, *pray for us!*

St. Jude, who didst perform wonderful miracles in the power of the Holy Ghost, *pray for us!*

St. Jude, who didst restore an idolatrous king to health, both of soul and body, *pray for us!*

St. Jude, who didst impose silence on demons, and confound their oracles, *pray for us!*

St. Jude, who didst foretell to a weak prince an honorable peace with his powerful enemy, *pray for us!*

St. Jude, who didst take from deadly serpents the power of injuring man, *pray for us!*

St. Jude, who, disregarding the threats of the impious, didst courageously preach the doctrine of Christ, *pray for us!*

St. Jude, who didst gloriously suffer martyrdom for the love of thy Divine Master, *pray for us!*

Blessed apostle, with confidence we invoke thee!

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St. Jude, help of the hopeless, aid me in my distress!

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That by thy intercession both priests and people of the Church may obtain an ardent zeal for the Faith of Jesus Christ, *we beseech thee, hear us!*

That thou wouldst defend our Sovereign Pontiff and obtain peace and unity for the Holy Church, *we beseech thee, hear us!*

That all heathens and unbelievers may be converted to the true Faith, *we beseech thee, hear us!*

That faith, hope and charity may increase in our hearts, *we beseech thee, hear us!*

That we may be delivered from all evil thoughts, and from all the snares of the devil, *we beseech thee, hear us!*

That thou wouldst vouchsafe to aid and protect all those who honor thee, *we beseech thee, hear us!*

That thou wouldst preserve us from all sin and from all occasion of sin, *we beseech thee, hear us!*

That thou wouldst defend us at the hour of death, against the fury of the devil and his evil spirits, *we beseech thee, hear us!*

Pray for us, that before death we may expiate all our sins by sincere repentance and the worthy reception of the holy sacraments.

Pray for us, that we may appease the Divine Justice and obtain a favorable judgment.

Pray for us, that we may be admitted into the company of the blessed to rejoice in the presence of our God forever.

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *spare us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *graciously hear us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *have mercy on us, O Lord.*

## Let Us Pray

Glorious apostle, martyr and relative of Jesus, St. Jude Thaddeus, † who didst spread the true Faith † among the most barbarous and distant nations; † who didst win to the obedience of Jesus Christ † many tribes and peoples by the power of His holy word, † grant, I beseech thee † that from this day I may renounce every sinful habit, † that I may be preserved from all evil thoughts, † that I may always obtain thy assistance, † particularly in every danger and difficulty, † and that I may safely reach the heavenly country, † with thee, to adore the Most Holy Trinity, † the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, forever and ever, Amen.

## Prayer in Trials

*(To be said in great affliction, or when one seems to be deprived of all visible help, and for cases despaired of.)*

Most holy apostle, St. Jude, † faithful servant and friend of Jesus, † the name of the traitor who delivered thy beloved Master † into the hands of His enemies † has caused thee to be forgotten by many, † but the Church honors and invokes thee

universally † as the patron of hopeless cases † of things despaired of. † Pray for me who am so miserable; † make use, I implore thee, † of that particular privilege accorded to thee, † to bring visible and speedy help † where help is almost despaired of. † Come to my assistance in this great need † that I may receive the consolations and succor of Heaven † in all my necessities, tribulations and sufferings, † particularly † (*here make your request*) and that I may bless God with thee and all the elect forever.

I promise thee, O blessed St. Jude, † to be ever mindful of this great favor, † and I will never cease to honor thee † as my special and powerful patron and to do all in my power † to encourage devotion to thee. Amen.

May the most just, † most high and most adorable Will of God † be in all things done, praised and magnified † forever and ever. Amen.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

O most sweet Lord Jesus Christ, † in unison with the ineffable song † with which the Heavenly Host praises the Most Holy

Trinity † I praise, bless and thank Thee † for all the graces and privileges † with which Thou hast seen fit to adorn † Thy elected apostle and relative, Jude Thaddeus. † To you, O wonder-working Apostle, † I return thanks for the gracious assistance which, † in response to my prayer, you brought to me in my distress. † I shall be forever grateful to you † for this token of affection. † O St. Thaddeus, remain with me henceforth in all my trials † and in my difficulties come to my aid. † Deign above all to be with me in the hour of my death † and to protect me against the fury of the enemy. Amen.

(*Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father.*)

St. Jude, Model of Humility, Mirror of Patience, Lily of Chastity, Flame of Divine Love, *intercede for us!*

St. Jude, Comfort of the Sorrowing, Refuge of Sinners, Helper of the Distressed, Special Patron in Hopeless Cases, *intercede for us!*

## Prayer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Heart of Mary, Mother of God, † delight of the ever-adorable Trinity, † and worthy of all the veneration and tenderness of angels and of men; † heart most like the Heart of Jesus, † whose most perfect image Thou art; † heart full of goodness, ever compassionate toward our miseries, † voucher-safe to thaw our icy hearts, † and change them to the likeness of the Heart of Jesus. † Infuse into them the love of Thy virtues, † inflame them with that blessed fire with which Thou dost ever burn. † In Thee let the Holy Church find safe shelter; † be Thou its guardian and its ever-sweet asylum, † its tower of strength, impregnable against the assaults of its enemies. † Be Thou the road leading to Jesus; † be Thou the channel whereby we receive all graces needful for our salvation. † Be Thou our help in need, our comfort in trouble, † our strength in temptation, our aid in danger; † but especially in the last struggle of our life, at the moment of our death, † when all hell shall be unchained against us to snatch away our souls, † in that dread moment,

that hour so terrible, † on which depends our eternity, ah! then, most tender Virgin, † do Thou make us feel how great is the sweetness of Thy Mother's heart, † how great Thy power with the Heart of Jesus, † opening to us, in the very fount of mercy itself, a safe refuge, † that so, one day we too may join with Thee in paradise † in praising the Heart of Jesus forever and ever. † Amen.

(*An indulgence of five hundred days each time.*)

### BLESSING OF RELIGIOUS ARTICLES

V. Adjutorium nostrum in nomine Domini.

R. Qui fecit caelum et terram.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

Oremus.

Deus, cuius verbo sanctificantur omnia,  
bene dictionem tuam effunde super creatu-  
ram istam (creaturas istas): et praesta, ut,  
quisquis ea (eis) secundum legem et volun-  
tatem tuam cum gratiarum actione usus  
fuerit, per invocationem sanctissimi nominis  
tui, corporis sanitatem, et animae tutelam,  
te auctore, percipiat. Per Christum Domi-  
num nostrum. R. Amen.

R. Amen.

# St. Jude's Hymn

Words by Mrs. D. Keegan

With the tune of Ava Maria of Lourdes

1

*To kneel at thine altar in Faith we draw near  
We come to implore thee, our pleas deign to hear.*

## Chorus

*O good St. Jude: we call on thy name  
Thy praises loud thy people proclaim.*

2

*To all who invoke thee, thou lendest an ear  
Thou soothest the sorrow of all who draw near.*

## Repeat Chorus

3

*The weary, despondent or sorrowful here  
Find help in their sadness, a balm for each tear.*

## Repeat Chorus

4

*The sick, the afflicted, the lame and the blind  
The suffering, the erring, all solace here find.*

## Repeat Chorus

5

*St. Jude we implore thee to grant our request  
O, give what we ask thee, if for us 'tis best.*

## Repeat Chorus

6

*In this life obtain for us, that which is best  
And bring us at length to our heavenly rest.*

## Chorus

## *Benediction*

Kneeling — All Sing

### *O Salutaris Hostia*

*O Salutaris Hostia,  
Quae coeli pandis ostium:  
Bella premunt hostilia,  
Da robur, fer auxilium.  
Uni trinoque Domino  
Sit sempiterna gloria!  
Que vitam sine termino  
Nobis donet in patria.*

### *Tantum Ergo*

*Tantum ergo Sacramentum  
Veneremur cernui,  
Et antiquum documentum  
Novo cedat ritui.  
Praestet fides supplementum,  
Sensuum defectui.  
Genitori, Genitoque  
Laus et jubilatio,  
Salus, honor, virtus quoque,  
Sit et benedictio.  
Procedenti ab utroque,  
Compar sit laudatio. Amen.*

### *Priest*

*Panem de coelo praestitisti eis; (Alleluia)*

### *People*

*Omne delectamentum † in se habentem. (Alleluia)*

# On This Day, O Beautiful Mother

## Chorus

*On this day, O beautiful Mother,  
On this day we give Thee our love.  
Near Thee, Madonna, fondly we hover,  
Trusting Thy gentle care to prove.*

1—*On this day we ask to share,  
Dearest Mother, Thy sweet care;  
Aid us ere our feet astray  
Wander from Thy guiding way.*

## Hymns to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

### Heart of Mary Pure and Fair

*O Heart of Mary, pure and fair  
Heart of Mary!  
In Adam's fall thou hast no share,  
Heart of Mary!*

## Chorus

*Heart all full of love divine  
Make me truly to be thine,  
Love thee in eternity!*

*Heart all meek, Heart all mild,  
Hear, O hear thy faithful child,  
O chaste Abode of fairest love,  
Heart of Mary!*

*Thou art the Spouse, the mystic Dove,  
Heart of Mary!*

*O Mystic Olive of the field,  
Heart of Mary!*

*Thy shades from beats of passion shield,  
Heart of Mary!*

*As children to their mother flee,  
Heart of Mary!  
So loving hearts will haste to thee,  
Heart of Mary!  
O Heart within thy depths so chaste,  
Heart of Mary!  
The hearts of all thy children place,  
Heart of Mary!*

### Sweet Heart of Mary

*O Heart of Mary, make my heart  
With love like thine for Jesus burn  
O heart aflame with heavenly fire  
To learn this love to thee I turn  
Light in my heart this conflagration  
Sweet Heart of Mary be my salvation.  
O Heart of Mary sweetest Heart,  
Not whitest lily can compare  
With spotless purity like thine  
O Mary, take me to thy care  
In ev'ry danger and temptation  
Sweet Heart of Mary be my salvation.  
O Heart of Mary, sorrow's sword  
Has seven times brought grief to thee  
In ev'ry hour of pain and need  
Be thou at hand to succor me  
Dear Lady, be my consolation  
Sweet Heart of Mary be my salvation.*

### Prayer in Affliction

*O St. Jude Thaddeus, thou relative of  
Jesus Christ, thou glorious apostle and  
martyr, renowned for thy virtues and mira-  
cles, faithful and prompt intercessor of all*

who honor thee and trust in thee! Thou art a powerful patron and helper in grievous afflictions. I come to thee and entreat thee from the depths of my heart; come to my aid with thy powerful intercession, for thou hast received from God the privilege to assist with thy manifest help those who almost despair of all hope. Look down upon me; my life is a life of crosses, my days are days of tribulation, and my heart is an ocean of bitterness. All my paths are strewn with thorns and scarcely one moment passes, but is witness of my tears and sighs. And withal, my soul is enveloped in darkness; disquietude, discouragement, mistrust, yes, sometimes even a kind of despair preys upon my soul. Divine Providence seems lost to my sight, and faith seems to falter in my heart. Overwhelmed by these thoughts, I see myself surrounded by a dark cloud.

Thou canst not forsake me in this sad plight. I will not depart from thee until thou hast heard me. Oh! hasten to my aid. I will be grateful to thee all my life. I will honor thee as my special patron, I will thank God for the graces bestowed upon thee, and will propagate thy honor according to my power. Amen.

## Saint Jude Thaddeus, Apostle PRAYER

O glorious Saint Jude Thaddeus, by those sublime prerogatives, wherewith thou wast ennobled in thy lifetime, namely, thy kinship with our Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh, and thy vocation to be an Apostle; by that glory which now is thine in heaven as the reward of thine apostolic labors and thy martyrdom: obtain for us from the Giver of every good and perfect gift all the graces whereof we stand in need in order to treasure up in our hearts the divinely inspired doctrines which thou hast transmitted to us in thy Epistle; that is to say, to build our edifice of perfection upon our most holy faith, praying by the grace of the Holy Spirit; to keep ourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of Jesus Christ unto eternal life; to strive by all means to help them that go astray; exalting thus the glory and majesty, the dominion and power of Him who is able to keep us without sin and to present us spotless with exceeding joy at the coming of our divine Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

*An indulgence of 300 days.*

*A plenary indulgence on the usual conditions, if these prayers are said with devotion every day for a month. (S.C. Ind. Aug. 17, 1908, S.P. Ap., Feb. 21, 1933.)*

# The Epistle of St. Jude

*The time of the writing of this epistle is uncertain. From Verse 17 it may be inferred that at the time few of the Apostles were living except St. John. St. Jude inveighs against the heresies and immorality of the Simonians, Nicolaites and Gnostics. He exhorts the faithful to contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the Saints.*

Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James: to them that are beloved in God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called.

2. Mercy unto you, and peace, and charity be fulfilled.

3. Dearly beloved, taking all care to write unto you concerning your common salvation, I was under a necessity to write unto you: to beseech you to contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints.

4. For certain men are secretly entered in (who were written of long ago unto this judgment), ungodly men, turning the grace of our Lord God into riotousness, and denying the only sovereign Ruler, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

5. I will therefore admonish you, though ye once knew all things, that Jesus, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, did afterwards destroy them that believed not:

6. And the angels who kept not their principality, but forsook their own habitation, He hath reserved under darkness in everlasting chains, unto the judgment of the great day.

7. As Sodom and Gomorrha, and the neighbouring cities, in like manner, having given themselves to fornication, and going after other flesh, were made an example, suffering the punishment of eternal fire.

8. In like manner these men also defile the flesh, and despise dominion and blaspheme majesty.

9. When Michael the archangel, disputing with the devil, contended about the body of Moses, he durst not bring against him the judgment of railing speech, but said: The Lord command thee.

10. But these blaspheme whatever things they know not: and what things soever they naturally know, like dumb beasts, in these they are corrupted.

11. Woe unto them, for they have gone in the way of Cain: and after the error of Balaam they have for reward poured out themselves, and have perished in the contradiction of Core.

12. These are spots in their banquets, feasting together without fear, feeding themselves, clouds without water, which are carried about by winds, trees of the autumn, unfruitful, twice dead, plucked up by the roots.

13. Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own confusion; wandering stars, to whom the storm of darkness is reserved for ever.

14. Now of these Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied, saying: Behold, the Lord cometh with thousands of His saints.

15. To execute judgment upon all, and to reprove all the ungodly for all works of their ungodliness, whereby they have done ungodly, and of all the hard things which ungodly sinners have spoken against God.

16. These are murmurers, full of complaints, walking according to their own desires, and their mouth speaketh proud things, admiring persons for gain's sake.

17. But you, my dearly beloved, be mindful of the words which have been spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ,

18. Who told you, that in the last time there should come mockers, walking according to their own desires in ungodlinesses.

19. These are they, who separate themselves, sensual men, having not the Spirit.

20. But you, my beloved, building yourselves upon your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost.

21. Keep yourselves in the Love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, unto life everlasting.

22. And some indeed reprove, being judged:

23. But others save, pulling them out of the fire. And on others have mercy, in fear, hating also the spotted garment which is carnal.

24. Now to him who is able to preserve you without sin, and to present you spotless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, in the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ,

To the only God our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory and magnificence, empire and power, before all ages, and now, and for all ages of ages. Amen.

# The Way of the Cross

## An Act of Contrition

O my God, my Redeemer, behold me here at Thy feet. From the bottom of my heart I am sorry for all my sins, because by them I have offended Thee, Who are infinitely good. I will die rather than offend Thee again.

### The First Station

*Jesus is Condemned to Death*

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Consider how Pilate condemned the innocent Jesus to death, and how thy Redeemer submitted to this sentence, to free thee from the sentence of everlasting death.

O Jesus! I thank Thee for this Thy great love, and I beseech Thee to take back the sentence of everlasting death which I have deserved by my sins, so that I may be made worthy to attain to everlasting life.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Lord Jesus crucified, have mercy on us!

### The Second Station

*Jesus is made to bear His Cross*

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Consider how Jesus took upon His shoulders the cross which thy many sins made so heavy.

O Jesus! grant me the grace not to make Thy cross heavier by new sins, and cheerfully to carry my cross in a true spirit of penance.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Lord Jesus crucified, etc.

### The Third Station

#### *Jesus Falls the First Time*

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Consider how Jesus, overcome by weariness and pain, fell to the ground under the weight of the cross.

O Jesus! my falls into sin caused Thee this fall. Grant that I may never renew Thy pain by a relapse into mortal sin.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Lord Jesus crucified, etc.

### The Fourth Station

#### *Jesus Meets His Blessed Mother*

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Consider the anguish which filled the hearts of Jesus and Mary at this sorrowful meeting. It was thy sins that caused the Son and the Mother this affliction.

O Jesus! excite in me, through the intercession of Thy holy Mother, a lively sorrow for my sins, that I may bewail them my whole life long, and in the hour of death find favor with Thee.

**Our Father, Hail Mary, Lord Jesus crucified, etc.**

### The Fifth Station

*The Cross is laid on Simon of Cyrene*

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.  
R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Consider how the Jews, seeing that Jesus was no longer able to drag His cross along, compelled Simon of Cyrene to carry it after Him.

O Jesus! I ought to carry the cross, because I have sinned. Give me the grace at least to accompany Thee on the way to Calvary, and for the love of Thee cheerfully to bear the cross of adversities.

**Our Father, Hail Mary, Lord Jesus crucified, etc.**

### The Sixth Station

*Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus*

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.  
R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Consider how this woman tried to alleviate the sufferings of Jesus, and how He rewarded her by leaving the print of His sacred face on the towel she had in her hands.

O Jesus! grant me the grace to cleanse my soul from all its defilements and imprint deep in my heart and mind the image of Thy holy sufferings.

**Our Father, Hail Mary, Lord Jesus crucified, etc.**

## The Seventh Station

### *Jesus Falls the Second Time*

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.  
R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Consider the sufferings Jesus endures in this second fall. Thou hast been the cause of them, by thy frequent relapses into sin.

O Jesus! I stand before Thee full of shame. Give me the grace so as to arise from my sins, so as never again to fall back into them.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Lord Jesus crucified, etc.

## The Eighth Station

### *Jesus Speaks to the Women of Jerusalem*

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.  
R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Consider how Jesus exhorts these women to weep, not for Him, but for themselves; thus He teaches thee to weep more for thy sins and folly than for His sufferings.

O Jesus! give me tears of true contrition, that the sorrow I feel for Thy sufferings may be profitable to me.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Lord Jesus crucified, etc.

## The Ninth Station

### *Jesus Falls the Third Time*

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.  
R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Consider how Jesus falls the third time, enduring excruciating pain, to atone for thy obstinacy in continually committing new sins.

O Jesus! now I am firmly resolved to give up sin forever so as not to cause Thee new suffering. Strengthen me in this my resolution, and by Thy grace make it efficacious.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Lord Jesus crucified, etc.

### The Tenth Station

*Jesus is Stripped, and Receives Gall to Drink*

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Consider the shame Jesus endured in being stripped of His garments, and the bitterness of the wine mixed with myrrh and gall, which they caused Him to drink. Thus He atoned for thy immodesty, and thy intemperance in eating and drinking.

O Jesus! I am sorry for all the sins I have committed by sensuality. I promise, with Thy assistance, not to renew Thy shame and suffering, and to live henceforth in modesty and temperance.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Lord Jesus crucified, etc.

### The Eleventh Station

*Jesus is Nailed to the Cross*

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Consider the dreadful sufferings Jesus endured, when the Jews stretched His bleeding body on

the cross, and fastened it thereon, with nails through His sacred hands and feet.

O Jesus! Thou sufferedst all this for me; and should I suffer nothing for Thee? Fasten my obstinate will to Thy cross. I firmly resolve never more to offend Thee, and for love of Thee to suffer everything.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Lord Jesus crucified, etc.

### The Twelfth Station

#### *Jesus Dies on the Cross*

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Consider how Jesus, after three hours agony, dies on the cross for thy salvation.

O Jesus! since Thou hast sacrificed Thy life for me, it is but just that I should spend the rest of my life for Thee. And this I firmly propose to do. Only grant me, by the merits of Thy death, the grace to put my resolution in practice.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Lord Jesus crucified, etc.

### The Thirteenth Station

#### *Jesus is Taken Down from the Cross*

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Consider the grief of the Mother of God, when she receives in her arms the Body of her divine Son, lifeless, cold and stained with blood.

O most holy Virgin, obtain for me the grace never more to crucify Jesus afresh by new sins,

but by the practice of virtue to keep Him ever alive in my heart.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Lord Jesus crucified, etc.

## The Fourteenth Station

*Jesus is Laid in the Sepulchre*

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Consider how the most sacred Body of Jesus was laid with the greatest reverence, in the new grave prepared for it.

O Jesus! I thank Thee for all Thou hast suffered in order to redeem me; and I beseech Thee, that I may prepare myself to receive worthily, in Holy Communion, the Body which Thou hast given for me. Take up Thy abode forever in my soul.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Lord Jesus crucified, etc.

## Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, true God and true man, God of Sanctity, God of Majesty, God Everlasting, have pity on us and upon the whole human race; now and always purify us from our sins and infirmities with Thy Precious Blood, so that we may be able to live in Thy holy peace and charity, now and forever. Amen.

## To Our Lady of Sorrows

O most holy Virgin and Mother, whose soul a sword of grief pierced in the Passion of Thy Divine Son, and who in His glorious Resurrection wast filled with unending joy at His triumph, intercede for us Thy suppliants that we may become so truly partakers in the adversities of the Church and the trials of the Supreme Pontiff that we may deserve to share in the consolations they desire, in the charity and peace of the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE NATIONAL SHRINE and ST. JUDE'S LEAGUE

The National Shrine of St. Jude was established by the Claretian Missionary Fathers in 1929 and is, thus, the original or "mother" shrine of devotion to St. Jude in North America.

St. Jude's League is a devotional organization sponsored by the Claretian Fathers of the National Shrine of St. Jude that brings together, formally, people devoted to St. Jude Thaddeus, Apostle and "patron of difficult or hopeless cases."

Members of St. Jude's League share in the perpetual Novenas conducted at the National Shrine of St. Jude each Sunday and Wednesday and in the four Solemn Novenas conducted each year at the National Shrine.

Members participate in three Masses offered each week, two on the tomb of St. Jude in Rome and one at the National Shrine.

An indulgence of 100 days may be gained by members for each act of piety or charity made according to the object of the League.

Dues for annual membership in St. Jude's League are one dollar. Co-operating members give five dollars a year. The offering for enrollment as perpetual members is twenty-five dollars and for perpetual family membership, one hundred dollars. Perpetual members receive a beautiful diploma suitable for framing.

A Plenary Indulgence, under the usual conditions, may be gained by members of St. Jude's League (S.P.Ap., Sept. 10, 1952):

1. On the day of enrollment.
2. On the feasts of Christmas, Easter, Christ the King, St. Jude (October 28), and St. Anthony Claret (October 23).
3. On the feasts of Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12) and the Immaculate Heart of Mary (August 22).
4. On the last day of each Solemn Novena to St. Jude at the National Shrine.
5. At the hour of death.

Devotees of St. Jude will be interested to know that the Claretian Fathers have been promoting devotion to St. Jude since 1911 when the Shrine of St. Jude was established in their Basilica in Santiago, Chile. The National Shrine of St. Jude in Chicago, established in 1929, was the first shrine of devotion to St. Jude in North America.

# **Perpetual Novena to St. Jude**

**Every Sunday at 3:15 P.M.**

**Every Wednesday at 8:00 P.M.**

## **Solemn Novena to St. Jude**

**Winter (First Week in February); Spring (Ends on Mother's Day); Summer (Preceding the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, August 22); and Fall (Preceding Feast of St. Jude, October 28).**

### **TO REACH THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF ST. JUDE**

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*(On the back cover, Father Joachim De Prada, C.M.F., Director of the National Shrine, is shown giving the Blessing of the Mass he is celebrating at the Shrine Altar of the National Shrine of St. Jude.)*



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